



OUTREACH and VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Maintenance Worker WG-4749-7

Sawtooth National Recreation Area (Sawtooth NRA) Sawtooth National Forest, Ketchum and Stanley, Idaho

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area is seeking interested individuals for a Maintenance Worker (Recreation/Facilities) position. The position is a permanent full-time appointment, and will be located in either Ketchum or Stanley, Idaho.

The position will be advertised early January on USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov).

Interested candidates should send the attached Outreach Response Form to Susan James, Recreation Program Manager at sljames@fs.fed.us, no later than December 31, 2013. For additional details on the position, contact Susan at (208) 774-3037.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position is responsible for maintaining all recreational and administrative facilities and buildings (including associated water, sewer, heating & air conditioning systems), grounds, signs, and vehicles on the Sawtooth NRA (SNRA). The position will also assist with the daily duties of maintaining developed and dispersed recreation areas throughout the unit.

During the winter months the incumbent will be required to assist with winter snowmobile patrols and routine snow removal at administrative facilities. This will include operating and maintaining snowmobiles, plows, and snow blowers, shoveling walkways, and working early hours to prepare facilities for the public and other staff.

The incumbent must be able to:

- Evaluate safety hazards and take action or recommend corrective action.
- Perform plumbing tasks involving potable and waste water systems such as pulling and servicing electric sewage pumps, cleaning plugged lines, installing outdoor water systems, pull and service manually operated culinary water pumps, install and repair water faucets,

dig up and repair broken water lines, cut and thread pipes, service and repair flush valves on toilets and urinals, etc.

- Perform various carpentry tasks such as building shelves, storage containers, ladders, and steps. Install cabinets, doors, and windows. Perform minor building improvement tasks including painting. Repair damaged porches, roofs, steps, doors, windows, guard rails, campground tables, buildings, fireplaces, fences, etc.
- Perform basic troubleshooting of electrical items and work with engineering staff to develop appropriate corrective action.
- Build or repair simple masonry, brick, rock, log or steel structures.
- Repair or install campground gates.
- Use a variety of power tools in the accomplishment of duties. Use power post hole diggers, drills, saws, pumps, generators, sanders, grinders, and spray painters. Use acetylene and propane torches and arc welders.
- Maintain and operate all equipment, tools, and supplies associated with the maintenance of facilities. Equipment may include, fork lifts, skid steers, boats, trailers, snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATV, UTV, etc.

The incumbent must be able to work independently in a variety of weather conditions, have the ability to effectively meet and deal with contractors, coworkers, and recreationists, understand and apply health and safety standards, and have demonstrated skills operating and maintaining equipment needed to perform the duties of the position. The incumbent must be physically capable of moderate to strenuous physical exertion including walking on steep or uneven terrain, bending, lifting, and carrying heavy objects.

The work schedule may include weekends, holidays, and early mornings.

The selected individual will be subjected to a background investigation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.

THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA:

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (NRA) has two offices, the Sawtooth NRA Headquarters, located eight miles north of Ketchum/Sun Valley, and the Stanley Ranger Station located near the town of Stanley, 60 miles north of Ketchum/Sun Valley in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley. There is also a work center – Sawtooth Valley Work Center - 12 miles south of the Stanley office, and Redfish Visitor Center located at Redfish Lake, which are both open in the summer months.

The Sawtooth NRA is a unique place operating under its own legislation--Public Law 92-400--as well as Forest Service directives. We manage 756,000 acres of land with designated and proposed Wilderness, heavily used developed sites, water and land based recreation, timber, grazing and mining programs. We administer 91 conservation easements which protect over 86% of the private land within the SNRA from further development. There are endangered species issues which involve all operations on the Sawtooth NRA. Employees are expected to perform wildfire suppression support as directed and within their qualifications and physical capabilities.

Recreation on the SNRA is year-round however summer is the busiest time of year. Recreation activities includes developed and dispersed camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, floating, fishing, lake shore recreation, mountain biking, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and skiing. The Sawtooth NRA has a campground concessionaire permit that manages 35 campgrounds, 3 boat ramps, and 8 day-use areas. Forest Service crews maintain an additional 42 developed recreation sites including boat launches, picnic areas, trailheads, developed dispersed campsites, scenic overlooks, rest areas, interpretive sites, river access sites and groomed snowmobile and cross country ski trails.

Administrative facilities are spread throughout the SNRA and include two ranger stations, a work center, 10 permanent residences, 6 seasonal residences, 9 seasonal trailers, approximately 19 RV sites, and 3 RV dump stations.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Ketchum, Idaho is a resort community located in the heart of the Wood River Valley. The quaint communities of Hailey and Bellevue lay 15 and 25 minutes south of Ketchum, and are where most of the valley's population reside. The area is known for its outstanding scenery and weather, as well as an unlimited number of recreation opportunities. Popular summer activities include whitewater rafting and kayaking on numerous area rivers, backpacking, mountain biking on world class trails, climbing, blue-ribbon trout fishing, hunting and camping. Winter recreation includes skiing at Sun Valley's Bald Mountain Ski Area, incredible backcountry skiing, one of the finest Nordic ski trail systems in the nation, and many snowmobile trails. In addition to outdoor pursuits, the resort atmosphere at Sun Valley hosts many cultural events not normally found in small towns, including summer symphonies, jazz series and arts festivals.

There is an excellent school system in the Wood River Valley for grades K-12, and a community college extension program, as well as a hospital and most types of physicians. Shopping for all necessary goods can also be done in the valley, though many residents choose to travel to Twin Falls (1.5 hours south) or Boise (located 2.5 hours west) for bigger ticket items. Summertime high temperatures are in the high seventies or eighties, while winter lows may dip below zero during December, January or February. The area's proximity to the high desert of the Snake River Plain provides endless days of cloudless weather during both the winter and summer months.

Both rentals and home prices in the local communities are quite high. The average price of an apartment rental ranges from \$800 to 1,400 per month. House rentals range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per month. The purchase price of homes ranges from \$150,000 to \$1,250,000 and beyond. The lower priced homes have a commuting distance of 20 miles one way, which is ~35 minutes plus commuting time one-way.

Stanley, Idaho is a remote rural community with a base population of 75, located at the foothills of the Sawtooth Mountains. It is known for its excellent recreation opportunities; hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, hunting, white water rafting and kayaking, family reunions, snowmobiling, snowshoe adventures and cross country skiing. There is a brief but stunning summer season.

There is a fine school for grades K-8. Higher grades commute via the river road along Highway 75 to Challis, approximately 1+ hour (in good weather) each way. There is no year round day care center available at this time. The area has a year round Medical Clinic staffed with an excellent nurse practitioner. Major medical services are available 60 miles south in Ketchum, Idaho, or 120 miles southwest in Boise. The same distances apply for shopping for other than basic grocery items. There are several sporting good shops open in the summer months and good restaurants most of the year.

CLIMATE:

The climate can be extreme. Snow may extend from November through mid-May with temperatures dropping to -40(F) degrees for a week or so in January or February. The star-filled evenings and sunshine-filled winter days help make up for extremes in temperature.

HOUSING:

Rentals in the local community are scarce and the price of homes to purchase is quite high. Government housing may be available for rent 8 to 20 miles north of Ketchum or at the Stanley Ranger Station.